

(c) whether it is a fact that no proper notice was served to the concerned persons for demolishing the above buildings; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Details of unauthorised constructions/encroachments demolished in Delhi during the last two years, as reported by various agencies, are as under:

(1) Delhi cantonment Board has demolished 115 unauthorised construction/encroachments during the period from 1.1.1999 to 31.12.2000.

(2) NDMC has demolished 136 unauthorised constructions during the period from 1.4.1999 to 31.1.2001.

(3) DDA has removed unauthorised construction in 49 DDA Flats during the last two years. It has also demolished 11399 structures including encroachments on DDA land.

(4) Information is being collected from Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the same will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) No compensation is paid for demolition of the unauthorised constructions.

(c) and (d) It has been reported by the concerned agencies/departments that notices are issued as per provisions of relevant Acts/Building bye-laws before unauthorised construction is removed/demolished.

Unauthorised Encroachment in front of Hyatt/EIL

1136. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that unauthorised encroachments in front of Hyatt Hotel/EIL and surroundings offices and Faridkot House lane near Baroda House etc. has been made with the help of Delhi Police and concerned authorities;

(b) whether electricity/water/telephone connections etc. have been provided to the kiosks/JJ clusters etc;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when Government propose to remove all the unauthorised encroachments permanently and the action taken against the guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The encroachment in front of Hyatt Hotel/EIL across Ring Road is of temporary nature. The encroachment is connected with the construction of flyover at Ring Road crossing Africa Avenue. In addition there are a few temporary encroachments by putting plastic sheets inside the park under the maintenance of NDMC. As regards encroachments surrounding Hyatt Hotel/EIL and surrounding offices, about 17 persons have been permitted by MCD on Teh Bazari in an area measuring 6' x 4' open to sky and others are in unauthorised occupation.

As reported by the NDMC, their enforcement staff and Slum Wing Staff of MCD have removed Jhuggies at Faridkot House as also the two unauthorised squatters selling *kulche chhola* near Baroda House. On the other hand, Delhi Police have denied involvement of any police personnel in any unauthorised encroachments *i.e.* near Faridkot House, Baroda House, or in front of Hyatt Hotel.

(b) and (c) Three Kiosks at Baroda House and two Kiosks at Faridkot House have been provided electric connection by the NDMC as these Kiosks were allotted by them. However, the NDMC have not provided connection to Jhuggies at Faridkot House.

(d) Encroachments are being removed as per the policy of the Govt. depending upon the priority of requirement of a particular site/land for public purpose, availability of land and funds for resettlement of squatters, etc. Suitable action against erring officials is initiated/taken as and when warranted.

Identification of Earthquake Prone Major Cities in the Country

1137. **SHRI B.J. PANDA:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have identified the major cities in the country which are prone to earthquake;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Delhi is the most earthquake prone metro in the country; and

(d) if so, the possible preventive and remedial measures adopted in the vulnerable zone of Delhi and other metros to face any such eventuality?